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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SPOKANE**

FAYE IRENE GUENTHER, an individual,	No. 2:22-cv-00272-TOR
	<b>PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF MATERIAL FACTS NOT IN DISPUTE</b>
v.	
JOSEPH H. EMMONS, individually, and OSPREY FIELD CONSULTING LLC, a limited liability company,	NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR: December 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.
	Defendants.

PLAINTIFF'S STATEMENT OF MATERIAL  
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## MATERIAL FACTS NOT IN DISPUTE

## BACKGROUND

1. Faye Guenther (Guenther) grew up in a rural Oregon community.

**Record:** Declaration of Faye I. Guenther (Guenther Decl.), ¶ 3.

2. Guenther was sexually abused as a child and again as a teenager.

**Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 7.

3. Guenther witnessed a gang rape in college and testified against the perpetrator. The perpetrator was convicted.

**Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 7.

4. These and other experiences led Guenther to become a life-long advocate against sexual abuse and harassment. Throughout Guenther's time at UFCW Local 21, she actively opposed sexual harassment within the union whenever she became aware of it. Her efforts led to at least four people being removed from the union.

**Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 5–8, 18; Declaration of Joseph (Joe) Mizrahi (Mizrahi Decl.), ¶¶ 38–39.

5. One example of her advocacy against sexual harassment occurred in September 2019, when she investigated Joe Earleywine—Local 21’s Organizing Director at the time—upon receiving reports of harassment. This investigation caused Mr. Earleywine to leave Local 21. He nonetheless secured a position with

1 the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) International Union (IU or  
 2 International), where he continued to engage with Local 21 staff, making several  
 3 women uncomfortable. Guenther then raised the issue with Kate Meckler, the IU  
 4 Regional Director for Region 7, which covers the Pacific Northwest. Ms. Meckler  
 5 did not investigate or respond to Guenther's reports. Guenther then escalated the  
 6 issue to IU President Marc Perrone, resulting in Mr. Earleywine retiring early from  
 7 the IU.

8 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 19–22 and Exhibit 1 thereto; Mizrahi Decl. ¶¶ 38–39.

9 **THE RELEVANT UFCW LOCAL UNIONS**

10 6. In 2019, Guenther became President of UFCW Local 21.

11 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 16.

12 7. In 2019, Local 21 represented approximately 44,000 members,  
 13 primarily in the grocery, healthcare, and cannabis industries in Seattle and greater  
 14 Washington.

15 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 17, 20.

16 8. In 2019, Local 21 was the largest UFCW local union in the United  
 17 States. Local 3000—Local 21's successor, formed from a merger with Local 1439—  
 18 is currently the largest UFCW local union in the United States.

19 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 17, 86.

1       9. Throughout her tenure as Local 21 (and now Local 3000) President,  
2 Local 21 has achieved significant accomplishments, including increases in the  
3 minimum wage, sick leave, saving a failing pension, building new divisions within  
4 the union to better serve members, and renegotiating hundreds of contracts.

5 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 15.

6       10. Local 367 is a UFCW affiliate in Tacoma and surrounding counties in  
7 western and southwestern Washington.

8 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 20, 28.

9       11. UFCW local unions typically enjoy significant autonomy but may be  
10 put under trusteeship, in which case the International Union exercises significant  
11 control over the trustee local, including by appointing a trustee who takes over  
12 control from the local's elected officers.

13 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 33.

14       12. UFCW put Local 367 under trusteeship in or around January 2019.

15 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 32.

16       13. During that trusteeship, the International hired Angel Gonzalez Irazarry  
17 to work at Local 367 in a leadership position.

18 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 34.

19       14. Local 367's trusteeship ended at the end of June 2020.

20 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 35.

1       15. Gonzalez became President of Local 367 in or around July 2020.

2 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 35.

3       16. Local 555 is a UFCW affiliate in Oregon with approximately 30,000  
4 members.

5 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 20, 58.

6       17. Dan Clay is Local 555's President. He has held that position since  
7 August 2008.

8 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 58.

9       18. Clay is also an International Vice President (IVP) of UFCW and serves  
10 on its International Executive Board (IEB)—the International Union's governing  
11 body. He had held that position for many years.

12 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 60.

13 **LOCAL 555 PRESIDENT DAN CLAY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GUENTHER**

14       19. Guenther and Clay have known each other since 2008. For many years,  
15 they were friends and collaborators within the labor movement.

16 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 59, 78.

17       20. In 2019, Guenther suggested that all local unions in UFCW Regions 7  
18 and 8 should bargain together against Kroger and Albertsons. Clay opposed that  
19 approach, apparently worried that he would no longer have control over his  
20 members.

1     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 64.

2                 21. On July 19, 2021, Kate Meckler emailed Clay, Gonzalez, Eric Renner  
 3 (the then-President of Local 1439 in Eastern Washington, with approximately 7,800  
 4 members at the time), and other local union presidents within Regions 7 and 8  
 5 regarding an upcoming meeting to discuss coordination for the 2021–2022  
 6 negotiations in the retail industry. Ms. Meckler invited suggestions for the agenda.

7     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 61, 86; Guenther Decl. Ex. 8 (UFCW-  
 8 EMMONS\_000781–784).

9                 22. Guenther responded on July 20, 2021, with her suggestions.

10     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 62.

11                 23. Clay replied to that email, omitting Guenther and including Esai Alday  
 12 (Clay’s executive assistant), Gonzalez, and Meckler, saying “Shit We’d better plan  
 13 for a week...”

14     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 63; Guenther Decl. Ex. 8 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000781–  
 15 784).

16                 24. On July 21, 2021, Clay responded to Meckler’s July 19 email, including  
 17 all original recipients, explaining that Locals 555 and 368A had agreed to a merger  
 18 and Local 555 had been in discussions with Local 367 over coordinated bargaining.

19     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 65; Guenther Decl. Ex. 9 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000785–  
 20 786).

1       25. At the time, Local 368A was headquartered in Boise, Idaho, and  
 2 represented approximately 1,100 members in Idaho, eastern Oregon, and western  
 3 Wyoming. As a result of the merger, Local 555 represented approximately 25,000  
 4 members.

5 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 66.

6       26. Guenther opposed coordinated bargaining between Locals 555 and 367,  
 7 fearing that doing so would undercut labor standards Local 21 had achieved in  
 8 Washington for its members.

9 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 67–70; Guenther Decl. Ex. 10 (UFCW-  
 10 EMMONS\_000801–804).

11       27. Clay sent an email on July 28, 2021, describing Guenther’s concerns as  
 12 “delightfully petty.” He elaborated that reading her concerns “made [his] night.”

13 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 71.

14       28. That day, July 28, 2021, Clay filed a formal complaint with IU  
 15 President Marc Perrone, alleging that Local 21 interfered with Local 555’s and 367’s  
 16 bargaining. His email copied Mike Hines—then Secretary Treasurer of Local 367—  
 17 not its President, Gonzalez.

18 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 72–74; Guenther Decl. Ex. 11 (UFW-EMMONS-  
 19 000004–05).

1       29. Under the UFCW Constitution, a Local President, not its Secretary  
2 Treasurer, is the chief executive officer of the Local Union. Ordinarily, a Local  
3 President, not its Secretary Treasurer, would be the appropriate official to confirm  
4 whether an official complaint for violating the IU Constitution was, in fact, on behalf  
5 of the Local Union.

6 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 75.

7       30. The oddity of Clay copying Hines, not Gonzalez, on his July 28, 2021,  
8 suggests that as of July 28, 2021, Clay knew (or strongly suspected) that Gonzalez  
9 had already resigned as President of Local 367 and, for that reason, Hines was  
10 authorized to speak on behalf of Local 367.

11 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 76.

12       31. Mike Hines then joined Clay's complaint.

13 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 74–76; Dalmat Decl. Ex. 1 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000987–  
14 990).

15       32. On September 29, 2021, Guenther sent Clay an email, titled "Setting up  
16 a Conversation," in which she tried to work with Clay to mediate their dispute.

17 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 78.

18       33. Clay never responded to Guenther's September 29, 2021, offer of  
19 mediation.

20 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 79.

1       34. On October 19, 2021, IU President Perrone sent Guenther a letter  
2 directing Local 21 to cease and desist interfering with Local 555's bargaining  
3 relationships.

4 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 80; Guenther Decl. Ex. 12 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000006).

5       35. Guenther sought to appeal IU President Perrone's October 19, 2021,  
6 cease and desist directive, or otherwise to have him rescind it. Initially, those efforts  
7 were unsuccessful.

8 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 81–84; Guenther Decl. Ex. 13 (UFCW-  
9 EMMONS\_000051–53); Guenther Decl. Ex. 14 (RFP No. 15 Resp – 015153–  
10 015154).

11 **MERGER BETWEEN LOCALS 21 AND 1439**

12       36. On September 30, 2021, Eric Renner called Guenther to explore the  
13 possibility of Local 1439 and 21 merging.

14 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 85.

15       37. Even before becoming Local 21 President, Guenther thought there may  
16 be value in a merger between Locals 21 and 1439. But she had not done anything to  
17 pursue such a merger before receiving Renner's call on September 30, 2021. That  
18 call struck Guenther as a bit out of the blue.

19 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 87.

1       38. During the September 30 call, Renner told Guenther he felt  
2 overwhelmed with his responsibilities as local president because he had also been  
3 taking care of his ailing mother. He did not say anything during the call about facing  
4 allegations from his staff of sexual harassment or other misconduct.

5 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 88.

6       39. Guenther did not say much during that call.

7 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 89.

8       40. In the next few weeks after September 30, 2021, Guenther called  
9 Renner to let him know she was open to exploring a Local 21/1439 merger. Then,  
10 or shortly thereafter, they set up a meeting for October 27, 2021.

11 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 90.

12       41. To prepare for that meeting, on October 21, 2021, Guenther sent Renner  
13 a sample merger agreement Local 21 had used when it previously explored a merger  
14 with Local 367. (That merger with Local 367 did not come to pass.)

15 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 91.

16       42. On October 28, 2021, Guenther and Renner hand delivered to Meckler  
17 a letter addressed to IU President Perrone requesting formal approval by the  
18 International Executive Committee for Locals 21 and 1439 to engage in formal  
19 merger discussions. Meckler had previously allied with Clay and others against  
20 Guenther on various matters.

1 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 20–22, 27, 30–31, 63–65, 71, 92; Guenther Decl. Ex. 15  
2 [Guenther Dep. Ex. 8); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 2 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000899–901).

3       43. Under the UFCW Constitution, the International Executive Committee  
4 must approve formal merger discussions before they begin.

5 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 92.

6       44. The October 28, 2021, letter explained Guenther’s and Renner’s view  
7 that the merger was in the best interests of the membership.

8 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 92–93; Guenther Decl. Ex. 15 (Guenther Dep. Ex. 8).

9       45. Guenther later called President Perrone to request a face-to-face  
10 meeting to discuss the merger. That meeting occurred, with only President Perrone,  
11 his executive assistant Lori Werner, and Guenther in attendance.

12 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 94.

13       46. At the meeting, President Perrone pledged his verbal support for the  
14 merger. Meckler nonetheless held the formal approval until after a union-election  
15 vote at a Fred Meyer store in Richland, Washington, late in November.

16 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 94.

17       47. Even though formally merger discussions had not yet been approved  
18 and were not public, on November 13, 2021, Clay emailed President Perrone  
19 detailing his opposition to a Local 21/1439 merger.

20 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 3 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000923–924).

1       48. Clay's email alleged that the merger would cover up and protect sexual  
2 harassers and would "negatively impact Local 555 members," including by  
3 escalating jurisdictional tensions between the Oregon and Washington-based locals,  
4 giving the Washington-based local control over Local 555's retirement plans, and  
5 putting Guenther in a position to have more influence in the Pacific Northwest.

6 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 3 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000923–924).

7       49. On December 2, 2021, President Perrone sent Guenther a letter  
8 officially granting permission for Locals 21 and 1439 to enter into formal merger  
9 discussions.

10 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 95; Guenther Decl. Ex. 16 (Guenther Dep. Ex. 9).

11       50. Over the next couple weeks, principally from December 9 through 13,  
12 2021, Guenther and Renner began discussing the prospect of a merger with key staff  
13 at Local 21 and Local 1439. Those discussions were limited to approximately six  
14 high-level staff of the two local unions. No public outreach occurred at this time.

15 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 96.

16       51. On December 14, 2021, Locals 21 and 1439 held meetings of their  
17 respective Boards. The Local 21 Board had approximately 36 rank-and-file  
18 members, and the Local 1439 Board had approximately 12 members. The Boards  
19 discussed the merger during executive sessions, which are reserved for sensitive,

1 private discussions. Each Board recommended putting the merger question to a vote  
2 of their respective members.

3 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 97–101; Guenther Decl. Ex. 17 (RFP Resp No 6 –  
4 006001–03).

5 52. Under the terms of the UFCW Constitution, two local unions may  
6 merge only if each local union membership separately approves the merger by a  
7 majority of that local's members casting votes.

8 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 102.

9 53. By letter dated January 6, 2022, Local 21 provided notice to its  
10 membership of the upcoming merger vote. The notice identified the dates, times, and  
11 places of the meetings where members could vote and provided basic information  
12 about the process. It did not, however, ask any member to vote in favor of the merger.

13 **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 103; Guenther Decl. Ex. 18 (2022 Winter GMM Mailer).

14 54. From January 6–20, 2022, Local 1439 held meetings during which  
15 members voted on the merger.

16 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 4 (Guenther Tr. 172:1–174:12).

17 55. Local 1439 did not, however, conduct a public campaign on the merger.

18 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 5 (Jackson Tr. 135:21–137:17); Crosby Decl. ¶ 14.

19 56. Only 196 out of approximately 7,800 members of Local 1439 voted on  
20 the merger.

1       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 6 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000162–167).

2           57. Local 1439 members approved the merger by a vote of 191 to 5.

3       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 6 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000162–167).

4           58. From February 9–12, 2022, Local 21 held meetings where members  
5 voted on the merger.

6       **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 104–105; Guenther Decl. Ex. 19 (UFCW-  
7 EMMONS\_000152).

8           59. Only 218 out of approximately 44,000 members of Local 21 voted on  
9 the merger.

10       **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 106; Guenther Decl. Ex. 19 (UFCW-  
11 EMMONS\_000152).

12           60. Local 21 members approved the merger by a vote of 207 to 11.

13       **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 106; Guenther Decl. Ex. 19 (UFCW-  
14 EMMONS\_000152); Guenther Decl. Ex. 20 (RFP Resp. No. 6 – 006604).

15           61. Apart from the formal January 6, 2022, notice of the upcoming merger  
16 votes, neither Local 21 nor Guenther engaged in any public communications with  
17 Local 21 members on the merger in an effort to persuade them how to vote on the  
18 matter. That approach is consistent with Local 21’s member-led model, in which the  
19 members—not their elected officials—are featured in union publications.

20       **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 107–112; Mizrahi Decl. ¶¶ 32–34; Crosby Decl. ¶ 14.

1       62. Merger votes among UFCW local unions typically are low-turnout  
 2 affairs that do not generate public debate.

3 **Record:** Crosby Decl. ¶¶ 7–14.

4 **CLAY'S CAMPAIGN TO SCUTTLE THE MERGER AND UNDERMINE GUENTHER  
 THROUGH LEAFLETS SPREAD BY EMMONS**

5       63. At Clay's direction and consistent with Clay's November 13, 2021,  
 6 email, on December 13, 2021, Mike Selvaggio—Local 555's contracted political  
 7 director (who owns and operates Ridgelark Strategies)—mailed approximately  
 8 1,000 flyers to shop stewards at selected stores throughout Washington where  
 9 UFCW members worked. A Local 367 member posted the flyer in a Facebook group  
 10 closed to Local 367 members, garnering merely 26 comments and 17 reactions.

11 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 108:18–113:9, 133:20–134:12, 134:18–  
 12 135:23); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 8 (Selvaggio Ex. 4); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 9 (Hines sub resp.  
 13 030); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 10 (RFP Resp. No. 2 – 002095); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 11 (RFP  
 14 Resp No. 2 – 002099–2100); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 4 (Guenther Tr. 99:22–100:18).

15       64. Selvaggio created the flyer based on talking points he had discussed  
 16 with Clay and Esai Alday, Clay's executive assistant.

17 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 113:10–114:3, 122:17–124:12, 144:3–  
 18 145:1).

19       65. Selvaggio has since destroyed his notes of that discussion.

20 **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 122:21–123:2).

1       66. At Clay's direction, to avoid identifying the mailer's source, Selvaggio  
2 intentionally provided no return address and mailed the flyers from Spokane to  
3 further conceal their origins.

4       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 97:17–98:10, 113:10–114:3, 144:3–  
5 145:1).

6       67. A week after that mailing, on December 21, 2021, an email from a fake  
7 address, repeating the accusations from the flyer Clay and Selvaggio prepared, was  
8 sent to several UFCW International Vice Presidents (IVPs).

9       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 12 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000925).

10       68. Clay, who likely authored the email, forwarded it to Meckler.

11       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 12 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000925).

12       69. When the mailing and email did not get the traction Clay and Selvaggio  
13 sought, they escalated their smear campaign—now dubbed Project Wagon Wheel—  
14 by leaving the flyers in-person at targeted stores in Spokane where UFCW members  
15 were likely to see them.

16       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 106:3–107:12).

17       70. Selvaggio called Joseph Emmons on or around January 5, 2022, to ask  
18 him to carry out that in-person distribution.

19       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 108:18–110:4).

1       71. During that conversation, Selvaggio explained to Emmons that the  
2 purpose was to distribute flyers against a potential merger and “push information out  
3 to UFCW members regarding the allegations that were contained in the flyers.”

4       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 109:23–110:4, 117:8–23); Dalmat Decl.  
5 Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 69:17–70:14).

6       72. Selvaggio also explained to Emmons that the flyers involved  
7 accusations that leaders who had previously faced sexual harassment allegations  
8 were attempting to come back into leadership.

9       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 110:9–111:13); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13  
10 (Emmons Tr. 69:7–14).

11       73. During that initial conversation, Emmons immediately recognized the  
12 incendiary nature of those accusations and asked Selvaggio for their basis.

13       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 69:7–10, 70:20–71:22).

14       74. Selvaggio told him the sexual harassment allegations were supported  
15 by investigations and social media posts.

16       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 70:20–71:22); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7  
17 (Selvaggio Tr. 110:24–111:16).

18       75. Selvaggio, in turn, relied on the representations of Clay and Alday, who  
19 had told him that they relied on an investigation by the International—an assertion  
20 Selvaggio did nothing to verify.

1       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio. Tr. 111:23–112:19).

2           76. In fact, the International repeatedly deemed the flyers' accusations to  
3 be false.

4       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 14 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000029 –32), Dalmat Decl. Ex.  
5 15 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000936), Dalmat Decl. Ex. 16 (UFCW-  
6 EMMONS\_000937).

7           77. Selvaggio and Emmons did not discuss any payoffs or whether  
8 Guenther was involved in any way in those allegations or the target of any sexual  
9 harassment investigation.

10       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 111:14–112:19); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13  
11 (Emmons Tr. 71:20–25, 78:2–7, 78:22–79:8, 80:3–12).

12       78. As far as Emmons recalls, they did not discuss Guenther at all during  
13 that conversation.

14       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 64:21–65:15).

15       79. Emmons did not discuss the flyer's accusations with anyone else.

16       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 73:8–23).

17       80. After the conversation, Selvaggio emailed Emmons the flyer.

18       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 17 (Selvaggio Ex. 8); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr.  
19 139:9–140:1, 144:3–145:1).

1       81. It was apparent to Emmons from the flyer that Guenther was the  
2 President of a UFCW local union but he had no idea whether the accusations against  
3 Guenther were true.

4       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 69:17–70:10, 74:11–13, 78:25–79:8,  
5 90:24–92:16).

6       82. After receiving a copy of the flyer itself from Selvaggio, Emmons and  
7 Selvaggio had another discussion about it.

8       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 76:1–80:16); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 18  
9 (Selvaggio Ex. 6).

10       83. During that second conversation, Emmons read the flyer in its entirety  
11 but did not discuss any details of any investigations into Gonzalez or Renner and did  
12 not discuss the accusation that Guenther helped Gonzalez cover up harassment  
13 charges and paid him off in exchange for installing Hines.

14       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 78:25–79:15, 90:13–91:19).

15       84. Emmons also did not discuss with Selvaggio the accusation that  
16 Guenther helped cover up allegations Renner was facing.

17       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 78:14–80:16).

18       85. Emmons then printed the flyers at a FedEx store.

19       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 74:18–75:25).

1       86. Emmons then drove from Portland, Oregon, to Spokane, Washington;  
 2 bought a Gonzaga baseball cap at a Fred Meyer in Spokane (despite being a fan of  
 3 University of Oregon); and on January 8, 2022, around 5:50 p.m., wore the hat and  
 4 a mask, while distributing flyers in six to eight stores in Spokane (whose addresses  
 5 Selvaggio had supplied), placing them in areas of the store where UFCW members  
 6 were likely to see them.

7       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 74:18–76:6, 81:1–84:22, 102:9–  
 8 103:21); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 136:3–19); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 19 (RFP  
 9 Resp No. 2 – 002111–16).

10       87. Depending on the route, it is a 350-to-400-mile drive from Portland to  
 11 Spokane.

12       **Record:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yp8x1bU7iPJccn7k6>.

13       88. The sun set on January 8, 2022, in Spokane at 4:17 p.m. and it was  
 14 “mostly cloudy” at 5:53 p.m.

15       **Record:**

16       [https://www.wunderground.com/history/daily/us/wa/spokane/KGEG/date/2022-1-  
 17 8](https://www.wunderground.com/history/daily/us/wa/spokane/KGEG/date/2022-1-8).

18       89. Emmons denies wearing sunglasses while distributing the flyers but the  
 19 pictures show otherwise.

1     **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 102:23–104:8), Dalmat Decl. Ex. 19  
 2 (RFP Resp No. 2 – 002111–16).

3                 90. When Emmons handed out flyers at the Spokane stores, he did not  
 4 know whether the accusations in those flyers were true or false.

5     **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 88:14–17).

6                 91. Selvaggio, who gave Emmons instructions on the in-person literature  
 7 drop campaign, did not want Emmons to be identified.

8     **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 144:16–145:1)

9                 92. Upon completing the distribution, Emmons confirmed to Selvaggio that  
 10 he had done so and told people “here’s information about the union, information  
 11 about the merger.”

12     **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 118:8–18).

13                 93. Selvaggio paid Emmons \$2,500, reimbursed by Local 555, for  
 14 circulating the flyers.

15     **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7 (Selvaggio Tr. 114:4–121:7, 135:25–138:14); Dalmat  
 16 Decl. Ex. 18 (Selvaggio Ex. 6); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 20 (Selvaggio Ex. 7).

17                 94. Local 555 indemnified both Emmons and Selvaggio for their roles in  
 18 circulating the flyers.

19     **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 13 (Emmons Tr. 99:1–17); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 7  
 20 (Selvaggio Tr. 128:4–129:4); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 21 (EMM\_000001–9).

1           **THE FLYERS' ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GUENTHER REGARDING GONZALEZ AND  
2 HINES ARE FALSE.**

3           95. On July 12, 2021, a member of Local 367 sent that union a letter  
4 accusing Angel Gonzalez of sexually harassing her.

5           **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 22 (July 12, 2021 Letter).

6           96. On July 15, 2021, Clay received a text message asking if Gonzalez was  
7 still President of Local 367.

8           **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 23 (UFCW-EMMONS\_000953).

9           97. Over the month, Mike Hines negotiated a settlement on behalf of Local  
10 367 with the member, which paid her \$50,000 and caused Gonzalez to resign from  
11 Local 367.

12           **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 24 (Hines sub resp. 09); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 27 (July 29,  
13 2021, UFCW 367's Minutes); Dalmat Decl. Ex. 25 (Hines sub resp. 010); Dalmat  
14 Decl. Ex. 26 (August 19, 2021, Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement).

15           98. Until seeing the flyer in December 2021, Guenther knew nothing about  
16 the Local 367 member's accusation against Gonzalez or Local 367's settlement with  
17 that member.

18           **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 122–124.

19           99. Guenther never paid Gonzalez off for anything.

20           **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 124; Mizrahi Decl. ¶¶ 7–10.

1       100. Nor did she influence Hines's advancement at Local 367. To the  
2 contrary, Hines left Local 21 to join Local 367 without Guenther's foreknowledge  
3 and over her objection.

4       **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 23–31; Mizrahi Decl. ¶¶ 11–15.

5       101. Hines certainly is not Guenther's "puppet." In fact, on June 29, 2021,  
6 he joined Clay's complaint against Guenther.

7       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 1 (UFCW\_987).

8       102. Hines became Secretary Treasurer of Local 367 in July 2021 at  
9 Gonzalez's recommendation.

10       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 28 (Minutes of UFCW 367's Executive Board Meetings  
11 of June 16, 2021, and July 1, 2021).

12       103. Following the member's sexual harassment allegations, Hines offered  
13 himself at a July 29, 2021, Executive Board meeting as Gonzalez's replacement for  
14 Local 367 president.

15       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 27 (July 29, 2021, UFCW 367's Minutes).

16       104. The Local 367 Board then accepted Gonzalez's resignation from the  
17 presidency and made Hines its acting president.

18       **Record:** Dalmat Decl. Ex. 27 (July 29, 2021, UFCW 367's Minutes).

19       105. Guenther had no role or influence in that decision at all. Guenther did  
20 not attend that meeting of the Local 367 Board and would not ordinarily do so.

1      **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 125–126; Dalmat Decl. Ex. 27 (July 29, 2021, UFCW  
2      367’s Minutes).

3      **EMMONS’S PUBLICATION OF THE DEFAMATORY LEAFLET HARMED GUENTHER**

4      106. By publishing the defamatory leaflet, Emmons dramatically harmed  
5      Guenther, including through protracted internal complaints within UFCW that  
6      undermined her standing among UFCW leaders, complicated her career, and caused  
7      her incredible anxiety.

8      **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶¶ 128–167.

9      107. The leaflet led to a shooting at her office window, a break-in of the safe  
10     in her office, and continued tarnishing of her reputation at the International.

11     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 162.

12     108. Anxiety from the fallout of the flyer caused her to miss a month of  
13     work, move personal residences at significant cost, beef up office security, travel  
14     only with companions, and incur expenses for professional care.

15     **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 164.

16     109. The leaflet contributed to Guenther not receiving an appointment as an  
17     International Vice President, even though, as the president of the largest UFCW local  
18     union in America, she otherwise would have received that appointment. That  
19     appointment would have carried with it a \$20,000 annual stipend and the prestige of  
20     the office.

1      **Record:** Guenther Decl. ¶ 164; Mizrahi Decl. ¶¶ 40–42; Crosby Decl. ¶¶ 15–23.  
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4      RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of September, 2024.

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